

## Adverse drug events in hospitalized cardiac patients.

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This study noted two adverse drug events (ADEs) per 100 patient admissions in hospitalized cardiac patients. Preventable ADEs most frequently occurred during [medication administration](#), and cardiovascular agents and [anticoagulants](#) were the most common drug classes involved. Interestingly, the most preventable ADEs occurred between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM, during [handoffs](#) between nurses at shift change. The authors advocate for prevention strategies around medication administration and nursing shift changes to reduce the potential for errors.